

Thus the fire of rage then burning contempt out of his brest, did burst forth in flames through his eyes, & in smoake from his mouth: so that hee was returning with a terrible madnesse (all the strength of his whole body transferred to the one hand for a singular seruice) which the resolute *Zelmane* did earnestly obserue with a prouidently all-despising courage, whilest the cares of *Annaxius* were suddenly arrested by a sound; whereof they were onely capable, which (since in confort with his owne humour) could onely of him with authoritie haue challenged a due attendance: straight a martiall noyse (rayfed by the violence of Inuaders, and distractednesse of others, dreadfully tumultuous) giuing him intelligence what a bloody Scene was acting without in the Court of the Castle, where he was expected as a speciall Actor. Though his eye (as harbinger of his blow) had already marked the roome where his bended arme threatned to lodge it; yet his feet did so suddenly rauish away the rest of his body, that euen his own thoughts (much more *Zelmanes*) were prevented by the suddennes of his flight: a flight indeed, not from the fighting with one, but to the fighting with many; where he did looke for an object worthy of the wrath of *Annaxius*. So that vanishing away, as carried in a cloud of whirle-wind, *Zelmane* either could not, or else would not, reach him: as disdaining the base aduantage of those dishonourable wounds; which, though greatest shame to the flying receiuer, can giue no glorie to the vnresisted giuer.

The impetuous storme that transported the spirit of *Annaxius*, had quickly blowne him downe the staires, and vp the doore: his sword vthering his way, till his eyes were encountred with the beames of the lightning weapons of a small number; which rather seemed surprised within the Castle, then to haue surprised the Castle. Yet they had speedily purchased a great roome for so small a companie, challenging as their owne all the bounds that their swords could compasse: and in effect their enemies prooued their fewnesse many; reckoning the blacke Knight and his seconds (as ciphers are esteemed when valued by others, ouer which they are rayfed) not for the number which indeed they were, but for the number which they were worth. Those three were quickly knowne by their wonted armes, but more by their wonted valour. The Court had beene a fitter lists for two, then a field for so many: where the narrownes of the place, not giuing place to flight, there was no way but by plaine force; so that the greatest cowards were as forward as the most couragious, feare making them bold, who saw no refuge but by fighting: which made the conflict exceeding cruel, either of the parties hauing more spurres then one to draw blood.

The Amphialians, besides their rage for being abused by an vnexpected stratagem, and their desire to defend the place, being bound both by priuat interest and publike vowes: they had added further, to make vp the accomplishment of a iust wrath, the meanes of reuenge (as they thought) on their Masters murderer; looking no other wise on the black knight, then as on him who had buried al their hopes in the ruine of *Amphialus*, whereof, to their further griefe, they had beene idle witnesses. All this made them desperately endeouour, that the eyes of *Annaxius* might be entertained with their victorie, before his eares could be burdened with their error. Chiefly at his comming, those of his own train kindled their courage at the Torches of his eyes, prodigious Comets of a deluge of blood. As for the pursued pursuers, like those, who landing to make warre in an Iland, burn the ships which brought them thither, by the impossibilitie of their returne, to

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shew the desperate necessitie of their victorie; they were assured they could neither aduance nor retire, but ouer the bellies of their enemies. Yet were they not so desperate of their retreat, as confident of their victorie. The blacke Knight, though all the Giants that fought against the gods had beene there, hee thought they could not hinder him from going where his heart was alreadie, nor from preuailing where the prize was, the deliuerie of his Lady, and Friend, the double treasures of his soule; whereof any was valued aboue his life, yea both were balanced with his honour; so that he did shew, not only the height of valour, but a rauishing of his soule, and a transportation of magnanimitie, farre from the leuell of ordinarie aymes, and euen scarce within the prospect of more loftie thoughts. Yet neither loue nor courage could blinde his iudgement, in seeing his aduantage: marching with his companie euer next the wall, to preuent the being compassed; though sometimes making braue sallies. Which *Annaxius* at his first approach espying, vpbraided his owne troupe, as vnworthy of his attendance, and all as traytors in receiuing, or dastards in not expelling that (in his eyes) condemned crue: oftentimes vrging them by their retiring to make way for him; and hee alone would either beat them ouer the walles, or in the walles. For the truth is, they seemed all too small a sacrifice to appease his high indignation. It was a superfluous labour for *Alecto* to inflame his soule with poysonous inspirations: for his soule might haue furnished all the infernall furies with furie, and yet haue continued the most furious of all it selfe. Rage and disdaine, burning his bosome, made him vtter a roring voice, as if his breath had beene able to haue blowne away the world; which, for the sound that his sword made, could not distinctly be vnderstood.

The first whom he encountred, lifting his hand to strike, and withall opening his mouth, as if intending some speech: his proposition was preuented by an active answer; cutting him from the lips to the eares, so by opening his mouth restraining his speech. The Knight of the Sheepe succeeding in his place (a vindictiue heire) was exchanging blows with *Annaxius* with no disaduantage: when suddenly a dart (none knew to whose hand the honour of it was due) did wound him in the thigh; which hee (doubtfull to whom hee stood debtor) did pay backe to many (an extraordinary interest) with the death of some one struiuing to defray euery drop of his blood.

The blacke Knight, blacke indeede to all his aduersaries, when viewing the wonderfull valour of *Annaxius* (with whom then riuals in fame he entertained a terrible emulation) what bred terror in others, bred him contentment; that his conquest, whereof he neuer doubted, might be endeered by the difficultie, and his victorie be honoured by so honourable an enemy; with whom, aboue all others, he laboured to meete; by the ruine of many, making a roome where they might fight.

But in the meane time the torrent of the violence of *Annaxius* was interrupted by a sudden tumult; seeming to proceed from an ambushment broken forth from the houses behind them. And no wonder though all thought so: the two swords of *Zelmae* being riotous in their charges, were so couctous to extend their confines. Shee following, or rather as a Faulcon, in an earnest chase flying downe the stayres after him, did not ouertake *Annaxius* but with her eyes, till he was walled about with the armed multitude: and then, like a Lionesse lately enlarged, that had beene long famished in prison, shee ranged ouer all for her prey.

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But yet like a cunning Hound, that out of a whole heard of Deere doth only single him out, with whom shee had entred first in hostilitie (a little droppe of his bloud hauing betraied all the rest) shee disdained to fight with any other; but would bee resisted by none, till shee might vnbend all her forces on *Annaxius*. Whose sight as soone as her eies had greedily swallowed, she burst forth: Base dastard, who hast abused the world with shaddowes of worth, yet art void of all valour, hauing doubly forfeited thy vsurped title of honour, in offering iniurious violence to a woman, and yet flying the iust violence of a woman, to hide thy selfe (being protected by anothers shield) where the sufficiencie of others may conceale thy cowardice. But all this shall not defraud my wrath, nor preuent thy punishment.

Annaxius, more troubled with those words, then if all the swords of the enemies had lighted vpon him (who for the highest of all his wishes, would haue but wished her a man, yea an army of men) looked ouer his shoulder with an eye burning with disdaine, as if one of his lookes might haue serued to consume a woman: and at the same instant (vttering his rage another way) with a blow worthie of his arme, hee did cleaue one before him through the helmer to the shoulders; making him so, by being two-headed, headles. But seeing *Zelmae* prease neere him: though he hoped for no honour from her, yet to preuent dishonor from her, he commanded *Armagine* his Nephew (a youth of great valour) to take those foolish fellowes prisoners, who durst aduenture within that Castle without his leaue, and to shut all the gates, that none of them might escape; and therewith whirling about, and casting a sideward looke on *Zelmae*, made an imperious signe with a threatening allurement (a disinuiting inuiting of her) to follow: which she performed with a countenance witnesing as great contentment, as euer *Venus* did to meet with *Mars*; *Mars* & *Venus* at that same time hauing met within her minde, to make, though a lesse louing, yet a more martiall meeting.

The clouds of people in their way, were quickly dispersed by the tempestuous breath of *Annaxius*, so that they had no hinderance: he being feared of all, and she hated of none. Neither was their solitarie retiring, in respect of their different seeming sex, suspitiously censured by any: the disdainfulnesse of their countenance bearing witnesse, that they were led by hate to honour, and not by loue to the contrary.

The place appointed by fortune to be famous by the famousnes of this combat, was a backe court: which they found out at that time emptied of Inhabitants; the stronger being gone to pursue others, and the weaker run to hide themselves: mediocritie being no more a vertue, where all was at height, to make excellencie eminent in extremitie.

They two came here alone, for they would haue no seconds, or rather were so farre first as they could haue no seconds: and euery one of them being confident in his owne worth, could not mistrust anothers. As if words had been too weake Messengers of their wrath, and swords onely worthy to vtter their mindes; they began with that wherewith they hoped to end; none of them now could flatter himselfe so farre against the prooofe of his owne experienced knowledge, as to contemne his fellow.

Annaxius at the first, rioting in rage, and burning with a voluptuous appetite of bloud, did abandon his hands to their accustomed prodigalitie, which, contrarie to the nature of that vice, was preiudiciall to the receiuer, and profitable

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for the spender. But *Zelmane* well weighing with whom shee had to deale, was more warie in her charges: and circumspectly manning the treasure of her strength, would not idly bestow it, but was liberall when occasion offred. It was hard to say, whether the one was more franke, or the other more thankfull: the guerdon neuer deferred; oft preuenting the gift about the desire of the receiuer, yet short of the giuers minde. Their thought, eye, hand, and foot seemed chained to one motion; as all being tuned by violence, to make vp a harmonic in horror. Neuer was courage better supported by skill and strength, nor skill and strength better accompanied by courage: the blowes of euey one of them seemed not onely to striue with the others, but euen amongst themselves, for singularity; the latter still, by being more obseruable, seeking to burie the remembrance of the former.

It seemed that those two were not retired from the battell, but that the battell was transferred where they were. The cie might wel haue taken them to be two: but the care would neuer haue beene perswaded, that so mightie sounds could be sent but from the weapons of a number: the enuironing windowes with a sad solitarinesse seemed to bewaile their want of eyes, which defrauded them the entertainment of that delectable terror and transporting sport.

Annaxius more angry with himselfe, then with his enemy, that he should bee so long in vanquishing, where (when victorious) he would be but ashamed of the victorie, all his actiue powers being highly bended both by choller and courage, he thus discharged his tongue: What spightfull god, ieaious of my greatnesse, or enuying my glory, hath sent this Diuell in a womans shape (as a clowd for *Iuno* to *Ixion*) to mocke me? But all this is one: though thou be a Diuel in a woman, or all the Diuels in one Diuell, I sweare by this blow, I will beat thee hence to the Hels, to the eternall terrour of all the darke Region: and with that lighted on *Zelmane* with such a huge force, that all shee could procure by the mediation of one of her swords was, that what was intended wholly at her head, by the wrying of her body, did but wound her a little on the shoulder. This was so far from dismayng her, that it did confirme (increase it could not) her resolution already at a height: Yea though not more courage, she pretended more furie, compassing him about to spie aduantages: and oft giuing him fained alarmes, as bragging to make a breach in his brest, aduanced her right-hand sword, which *Annaxius* beat downe, and withall encroached to vsurpe a roome in her right side; but *Zelmane* suddenly inclining to the left, gaue him a flat blow with that hands sword, which returned back clad with the spoiles of that part of the body which it had forced.

Both thus being already allied by blood, yet did striue for a more strict affinity: wounds (in regard of their frequencie) being no more respected, then blowes were before. Though they met in diuers colours, now both were clad in one liuery, as most suteable to their present estate: being both seruants to one Master, and riuals in preferment. Neither could showres of blood quench the windes of their wrath, which did blow it forth in great abundance: till faintnesse would haue faine perswaded both that they were mortall; and though neither of them by another, yet both ouercomeable by death. Then despaire came to re-inforce the fight, ioyning with courage, not as a companion, but as a seruant: for courage neuer grew desperate, but despaire grew couragious; both being resolu'd, if not conquering, none of them should suruiue the others conquest, nor owe trophee but to death.

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The greatest griefe of the one, was to die by a woman; and of the other, to die as a woman: both in respect of her apparel, & (as she thought) action; being matched by one man, who had ore-matched multitudes of men. At last the great storme of blowes being past, she rested one of her swords on the earth, either forced by faintnes, or intending art, offering a thrust with the other: which *Annaxius* perceiuing, did speedily repell; and with that (gathering his distressed strength together, as ready to remoue, but first bent to giue a gallant farewell) ranne forward with such a violent violence on *Zelmane* (nought being able to resist his vnresistable force) that she presently interposing her reposed sword, though it ran him thorow the heart (or rather hee his heart vpon it) it could not hinder him from running her through the body, and both to the earth, a braue flash of a dying light! a mightie thunder of a quenched lightning! Thus did he ouerthrow his ouerthrower; not falling till none was able to stand before him: whilest, though he were vanquished, none could vaunt of the victorie. His brest fell aboue the hand with the sword, as if he would needes die embracing it, euen after death adoring that Idoll of his life; and his dead weight struiuing with *Zelmanes* weake life, whilest she struggled to rise, did break the sword, a part remaining vnder him, and the rest within her: thus hard it was to force *Annaxius*, though he was dead, and impossible while he liued.

Zelmane after her rising, did draw the other sword out of him; as bent to returne not interested in any thing. She was stepping forward with a sword in euerie hand, and a part of one in her brest: A trophie of victorie, yet a badge of ruine; neuer better weaponed, neuer more vnfit for fighting; when lo, all the followers of *Annaxius*, discomfited by his absence, but more by the black Knights presence, *Armagine* hauing his death honoured by his hand, the rest were quickly discomfited, and (despairing to saue the Castle) sought to saue themselves.

The blacke Knight committed the following of their flight to others, as a dangerlesse action, and therefore not worthy of him, then fearing that elsewhere for another, which he could no more finde there for himselfe: He went by the direction of his eyes, and the information of his cares, to seeke out the two retired Champions, when suddenly hee encountred his other-selfe, marching like *Pallas* from the Giants ouerthrow.

As soone as the eyes of *Pirocles*, no, his soule, was rauished with the sight of *Musidorus*, it hauing infused a fresh vigour in his feeble members, and that Physicke applyed to his minde, triumphing ouer the infirmitie of his body, hee threw away his swords (onely conquerable by kindnesse) and pulled out that which was in his body, that nothing might hinder him from embracing the Image of his soule, which reflected his owne thoughts. Their soules by a diuine sympathie did first ioyne, preuenting the elementall masses of the bodies: but ah, whilest they were clasped in others armes (like two graffes graffed in one stocke) the high tide of ouer-flowing affection restraining their tongues with astonishment, as vnable to expresse an vnexpressable passion.

Pirocles weakned with losse of bloud (the effects of hate) and in that weaknesse surcharged with kindnesse, the fruits of loue; not able to abide the interchoaking of such extremities: The palenesse of his face witnessed the parting of his spirits: so that not able to stand, *Musidorus* was forced to fall with him, or else would not stand after him. And at the suddennes of this vnexpected aduventure, or vehemently respectable misaduventure: like one, who vnawares slipping from
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a great height, is choaked betwixt the height and the lownesse, ere he can consider, either whence he fell, or where he falls. Being throwne from the top of contentment, to be drowned in the depths of misery, hee had his reasonable parts so hastily ouerwhelmed with confusion, that he remained dead aliue, as the other was liuing in death. At last re-assembling his confounded senses from the rockes of ruine, griefe had gathered so much strength through weaknesse, as to attempt an impossibilitie in manifesting it selfe.

O what a monster of miserie am I? Euen when most fortunate, most infortunate; who neuer had a lightning of comfort, but that it was suddenly followed with a thunder of confusion. Twice was my felicitie by land (that it might bee washed for euer away) made a prey to the inexorable waues, whilest the relenting destinies pittying the rigour of their own decrees, to preuent their threatned effects, wouldhaue drowned me in (respecting the Ocean of sorrow prepared to swallow me) that little drop of the Sea. And O thrice happy I, If I had perished whilest I was altogether vnhappy: then, when a dejected Shepheard, offensive to the perfection of the world, I could hardly (being oppressed by contempt) make my selfe worthy to be disdaind: disdain to the despised, being a degree of grace. O would to God that I had died obscurely, whilest my life might stil haue liued famous with others, and my death haue dyed with my selfe; whilest my not being known, might haue kept my dishonor vknown, euen then when marched, matched by one, & in the presence of many fighting for one, who was more deare to me then all the world. Ah me most miserable, in not being more miserable. Such a pestilentious influence poysoned the time of my natiuitie, that I haue had a sparke of happinesse, to cleere me the way to destruction. I was carried high, to bee fit for a precipice: and that from that height I might behold, how low the dungeons were wherein I was to fall. Euen now I was so farre from feare, as I was higher then hope, being in imagination Master of all my wishes: yet at an instant, as if all that could be inflicted on my selfe, was not sufficient to afflict me; being armed with resolution, both to braue the terrors of death, and to contemne the flatteries of life, I am tormented in another, whose sufferings could onely make me tenderly sensible. And with that, sorrow, as it were sorry to be interrupted by vtterance, did damme it selfe vp to swel higher, feeding on the contemplation of it selfe within; where, vwhen absolute tyrant of the brest, it might rather burst him, then burst out.

Then he vvas lying downe senselessly on his senselesse friend, as in all estates struing to be still like him, vwhen lo, he felt his brest beate, and thereafter saw his vnclosed eyes vweakly strue to shine againe; thus first re-saluting the light, O vwhere am I? *Musidorus* replied: With him vvho is hasting to die vvith you. No, said he, I haue hasted to liue vvith you. Death or life, said *Musidorus*; either of them must ioine vs, but neither of them is able to part vs. With that *Pirocles* vweakly rising, entrusted his feet vvith their owne burden: but *Musidorus*, ieaious of the carriage of so precious a treasure, vvould needes aide them vvith his arme; his strength strengthning *Pirocles*, and the vweaknesse of *Pirocles* vweakening him.

Thus whilest (guided by one who vvas acquainted with the Castle) they were seeking out a roome, vvhere *Pirocles* reposing, might cause take a trial of the estate of his body, & repaire the bloody breaches of the late batterie, it being, though euill fortified, yet vvell defended: As they vvere vvalking alongst a Gallerie, they heard from a Chamber neighbouring the side of it, a dolorous sound, but so heauily

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uily deliuered with a difordered conuoy, that choaked with sobbes, else drowned with teares, the paine of the bearer had so spoyled the birth, that it could not be known: yet a secret sympathy, by an vnexpresseable working, did more wound the minde of *Pirocles*, then it was wounded by all the wounds of the body; hee pittying the complaint, though not knowing from whom, nor for what. O how the soule, apt for all impressions transcending reason, can comprehend vn-apprehensible things! this was the lamentation of the lamentable *Philoclea*.

The Ladies, after the departure of *Zelmae*, by the inundation in their eares of horrible sounds, were violently inuited to come tearfully to a window, ouerlooking the Court, where they beheld the bloody effects of that whereof they were the innocent causes. At first the Lillies of their cheekes, ouergrowing the Roses, palenesse had almost displaced beautie; had not beautie beene so powerfull as to make palenesse beautifull: yet thereafter trauelled memorie instructed their iudgement, that misery being at a height, could not but of force either worke the end of it selfe, or a beginning of comfort, and they could expect no worse estate then that in which they were.

Pamela would faine haue flattered her selfe, to thinke that it was *Musidorus* come to deliuer her: but she had rather haue remained still captiue, then to haue drawn him to such a danger for her deliuerie: and hauing once apprehended that he was there, neuer a blow was giuen but shee was wounded with it, being euer forrie for the ouerthrowne, neuer glad for the ouerthrower; either pittie preuailling with the tenderesse of her sex, or because she knew no danger could come by ouercomming.

As for *Philoclea*, she, who through the gentlenes of her own nature, would haue smarted for any other, who had beene in danger: when she remembered the hazard of her treasure *Zelmae*, who (as shee knew) did not vse to be an idle spectator of so earnest a game, a multitude of thoughts did paint feare in her face, and engraue griefe in her bosome. Whilest they continued thus, *Pamela* in vaine struing to match maiestie with affection, stood with a distracted statelinesse, & with a stately astonishment, where griefe and feare in *Philoclea* made easily a consort in sorrow, with waterie eyes (like the Sunne shining in a showre) weakly clearing a clowdie countenance: when suddenly they heard one cry, since the Castle was won, to set the Ladies at libertie: but they who were well acquainted both with the frownes & smiles offortune, as they had euer triumphed ouer the one, would not suffer themselues to be led captiues by the other; neither could this accomplish their contentment, till they had the Lords of that pleasant bondage, which they did value more then vn-ualuable libertie; the constrained captiuitie of the bodie hauing nothing diminished the voluntarie thraldome of the minde.

But ah! this smooth calme came onely to make them the more sensible of the succeeding danger, which the breath of one from below (roaring forth the death of *Zelmae*) did thunder vp vpon them. *Pamela* (like a Rocke amidst the sea, beaten both with the windes and the waues, yet it selfe immouable) did receiue this rigorous charge with a constant (though sad) countenance, and with fixed eyes, witnessing the mouing of her minde: yet neither vttering word nor teare, as disdainning to imploy their weaknesse in so great a griefe. Such might haue been the gesture of *Niobe*, hearing the newes of her childrens death, ere she was metamorphosed into a stone; like one (maiestie triumphing ouer misery) who would rather burst strongly within, then be disburnded by bursting out in an abiect manner.

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But ah me, the confounded *Philoclea*, who being the weaker, had receiued the sharpest assault, (an affectionate furie forcing from her an absolute passion, which a dutifull kindnesse, through compassion, onely prouoked in her Sister) she smothered with so monstrous a weight, did sinke downe vnder it to the earth.

This made *Pamela* forget her other griefe without any comfort: transferring her passions, from her friend, to her more then friendly sister, for whom she saw at that time her action would be more seruiceable; wherewith she brought her to her selfe, and she her selfe to sorrow. At first, the tongue and the eyes being too feeble instruments for so violent a passion, she vsed her hands; beating that brest which the most barbarous creature else in the world could not haue done: offering those torne hayres as oblations to him after death, which had beene the delights of his life; and deforming that face, the register of Natures wonders, confirmed by the admiration of men. Which when *Pamela* (of a Patient, become a Physician) sought to hinder, shee thus said, Alas, sister, you doe not know what a treasure I haue lost, euen a treasure more worth then all the world was worthy to enioy. Ah pardon me thou, whom euen death is not able to kill in my soule: pardon me, who haue euer concealed thy secret, now to discouer mine owne. For while my life lasts (short may it bee, and long it shall not be) I will shew to all the vworld that, which, whilest thou liued, I would haue bin ashamed to haue showne to thy selfe; euen thy perfection, and mine affection. Neither doe I regard how the conceits of others censure my carriage in this; for there is no eye now, wherein I desire to appeare precious; nor no opinion, whereof I craue to make a purchase: death may end my life, but not my loue, which (as it is infinite) must be immortal. I would gladly vse meanes to dispatch this miserable life: but it were a shame for mee, if, after so great a disaster, sorrow onely were not sufficient to kill mee. And with that beautie in the heauen of her face (two Sunnes eclipsed) being wrapped vp in palenesse, she fell downe groueling on the ground.

Piracles imagining what report might be made, and not doubting what effect it would worke, bent to furnish physicke for her minde, ere he sought any for his owne bodie, came in at the doore: whom *Pamela* (her armes and her tongue rituals in kindnesse) imbracing, said, Neuer more welcome, though euer welcome, *Zelmane*; thou who art euer victorious, hast thou likewise brought thy selfe away a trophée from death? Sweet Ladies (replied she) who would faint to fight for such diuine creatures as you are? and who could haue force to fight against you?

Philoclea, who at the first, either dul through excessiue dolor, did not conceiue her sisters words; or else suspecting (as she thought) her impossible desire to please her (all being doubtfull to trust what they doe extremely affect) did misconceiue her meaning. She was rayling her eyes to examine her cares: but the most trustie of her senses preuenting both, by a palpable prooffe, gaue her an absolute assurance; so that ere she could thinke *Zelmane* was at all to be imbraced, finding her selfe imbraced by *Zelmane*, she was lifted vp to a heauen of ioy, as before she had beene sunke downe in a hell of griefe; neuer absolutely her owne, but either rauished or ruined. Spying the blood on *Zelmanes* garment, not knowing whether her owne, or her enemies, she grew pale: and then looking on her Sister, she blushed; suspecting that shee suspected the cause of her palenesse (confering it with her former plaints) to be more then a friendly kindnesse. But *Zelmane*, fearing what might be the effects of her feare, said, that she expected a cōgratulation

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of her victorie, and not a condoling of passed danger; which was acquitted with the speechlesse answer of an affectionate looke; and a passionate pressing of her hand.

Then *Pamela*, inquiring the perilous course of her short progresse; shee told, how fortified with their fortune (trusting more to it than to her owne valour) which like their beautie could not but preuaile, she had first fatally ouerthrowne the two brethren of *Amnaxius*; and thereafter fighting with himselfe, it was her chance (God strengthning her weaknesse to punish his vniustice) to kill him, shee could not say overcome him: no, shee was not ashamed to affirme, that, though he was killed, she thought him not overcome, seeing he died both in opinion, and in action of victorie; death preventing the knowledge of his last successe. A rare happinesse: his life, and fortune hauing both one bounds.

Both highly praising her valour, admiring her modestie, and glad of their own deliuerie, whereof they thought her the author (thoughts struing to expresse themselves the more powerfully without words) they were acknowledging the same with a gratefull countenance, and kindly affecting lookes, when *Zelmane* (not complementally hunting that which she fled, but like one who with a glasse reflects the force of the Sunne on another) earnestly protested, that shee would be loth to vsurpe that which was due to another; specially in the owners presence. And turning towards the blacke Knight (who all the time stood aside as her attender, though armed, trembling for feare of one vnarmed, who vnarmed would not haue been so afraid of an Armie in armes) she freely affirmed, There is the deliuerer of vs all: from whom wee receiue our libertie; to whom wee owe our selues, since that which makes vs our selues.

Then the blacke Knight, inuited by the willing countenance of the Princeesse (abasing his helmet) aduanced (more fearefully then to a battell) to kisse her hand: when *Zelmane* courteously retired *Philocles* a little distance from thence; as glad to conferre with her, as to giue her friend occasion to conferre with *Pamela*. Who presently (whilest the roses of his lippes made a flowre of affection with the Lillies of her hands) knowing her owne *Dorus*: at the suddennesse of the assault, the mouing of her mind was betrayed by the changes of her countenance; the bloud of her face ebbing and flowing according to the tide of affection. Yet borrowing a maske from hate, wherewith to hide loue; shee thus charged him; who already had yelded. How durst you presume to present your selfe in my presence, being discharged it, whe you deserued the vttermost that reason could deuise, or furie execute? Hath my deiected estate emboldned you to exalt your selfe against me? Then he, gathering courage from the extremitie of despaire, thus cleared his intention. True it is, Ladie, of my life; and shall bee of my death. I was worthy then to haue been banished from the world. But what of a world of worlds? I was banished from your sight: and which is worst of all, deseruedly. Neither come I now of contempt, but only to testifie my obedience: which otherwise at this time might haue beene construed to cowardice. Such a loue as mine, wedded to vertue, can neuer be so adulterated by any accident, no, nor yet rauished by passion, as to bring forth a bastard-disobedience, whereof (my very conscience not being able to accuse my thoughts) I come to cleare my selfe. But now hauing performed all that was within the compasse of my power; a part of my bloud witnesing my affection, which I wish were confirmed by the rest: you may see (directresse of my destiny) that no force can force me to any thing, much
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lesse from your sight; saue onely your owne will, which is vnto me a law, yea an Oracle. And now when you see I doe it not for feare of others, but only out of a reuerence to you: if not for your satisfaction, yet for my punishment, so to persecute him whom you hate; I will goe waste the remnant of my wretched daies in some remote Wildernesse, as not worthy to be seene of any, since odious in your sight: hauing (I hope) by many proofes preuailed thus much with your opinion, That after my death you will thinke there was some worth in mee; though not worthy of your loue. When he, full of humble affection, was rettyring himselfe with a courtiesie as low as his thoughts: she, thinking enough done to trie him, yet without seeming to trust him, whilest (though guiltie of griefe) her countenance could accuse her of no care, (as out of a fresh remembrance) said, that she would not haue *Dametas* to lose a seruant, nor *Mopsa* a suter, by her meanes; and, if he would needs returne toward the Lodges, that he should first expect some employment homeward from her. Then he (as one who false in the bottome of some deepe water, comming to float about, in sight of land, receiueth some comfort, though still in danger) began to re-assemble his dispersed spirits againe, looking more cheerefully. But ere his thoughts (euery one of them ore-flowing another) could settle themselves: she (preuenting the violence of so sudden a change) did call to her Sister; by accusing, excusing their indiscretion, in holding those two so long by talking with them, from looking to themselves. Which *Philoclea* allowed; trembling with an earnest feare, to know in what estate *Zelmane* stood.

They two iniured by this courtiesie, with an vnwilling obedience accepted of it; more respecting the pleasure of others, then their owne necessitie. *Pamela*, as only affecting *Zelmane*, offered her either all, or a part of their chamber: and she (her tongue rebelling against her heart) refused what she desired; pretending a lothnesse to trouble them. Then the sisters offered to accompany them: but after they had a while colored true kindnesse with ordinary complements, *Zelmane* preuailed against her selfe, to goe accompanied as she came, yet both looking as if they would haue left their eies behind them, as well as their hearts. As soone as they were by themselves in a chamber, *Zelmane* disapparelling her self, the blacke Knight, though better skilled in giuing then in curing of wounds, yet lately experienced by passing the like danger, he would needs proue a Surgeon: and after he had purchased things necessarie, hauing considered his wounds, hee found none, saue the last that went through the body, dangerous; and it not deadly. Thereafter melting their mindes in discourses, either of them had his owne contentment doubled by hearing of the others.

Then the blacke Knight taking leaue for a while, locking the doore behinde him, went downe to the Court, to trie if any sparke of the late fire remained as yet to quench. For after the opposite party, as if their armes were not sufficient to arme them, vnlesse the armes were armed with walls, ranne to fortifie themselves within houses, which had no strength saue that which men were to afford them: He, who thought his own good fortune no better then a misfortune, till he was assured that his friend had the like, recommending the remnant of the aduersaries ruines to his two companions, had gone to learne if he were alike happy in all places: and they (feare freezing the courage, and dissolving the hearts of their scattered enemies) found quickly more throwing themselves weaponles at their feet, then they could haue leisure seuerally to raise; so that they were
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more wearie (though more contented) with pardoning, then they had beene with punishing.

Some more craftie, or more fearefull, cryed out at the windowes, that they would render vpon securitie of pardon. But they, scorning to capitulate with fugitiues, who would not haue done it with them when fighters: and disdainig al that by the most large construction could be wrested to compulsion; they would not equall them with those who were already humbled, till they submitted in a more submisse manner, depending only on their free disposition. Which they (either trusting to the vertue of others, or mistrusting their owne) hauing done: the Knight of the Sheepe was constrained (his wound bleeding in great abundance, which being made by an impoysoned Dart, had inflamed all his body) to retire. The other, hauing receiued the keyes of the gate, committed the chiefe Captiues to Keepers, till the black Knights comming: who presently thereafter exacting what conditions he pleased, did enlarge them all. Then Sentinels were set on the wall, and a companie appointed to watch all night: when suddenly one came from their third friend, to desire them to come and take their last farewell of him: a request wonderfully grieuing them, yet quickly granted; yea, performed, ere answered.

Being met, and all others retired, he with these words deeply wounded their soules. Deare friends, whom I may iustly call so, though none of vs as yet doth know another; I see I haue acted my part, and the Curtaine must quickly bee drawne. Death, the only period of all respects, doth dispence with a free speech. At a Tilting in Iberia (where I was borne) dedicated to the memorie of the Queene *Andromanes* marriage: a nouice in armes (amongst others) I ranne in a Pastoral shew against the Corinthian Knights, whom the successe had preferred in the opinion of the beholders; till the worthily-admirable Princes, *Musidorus* and *Pirocles*, drawne forth by the yong Prince *Palladius*, brought backe the reputation to our partie, and there did such things as might haue honoured *Mars*, if he had bin in any of their places; and made either of them worthy of his. Ther-after being drawne away from that country by an accident, the report whereof craues a longer time, & a stronger breath then the heauens are like to afford me: their glorie, tyrannizing ouer my rest, did kindle such flames in my bosome, that burning with a generous ardour, I did resolute, leauing mine own countrie, to try my fortune, where I might either liue famous, or die vnknowne; vowing withall to trauell, till those Princes were either the Subiect or witneses of my valour. What passed in my way I passe: perchance others may remember. At last, inuited by fame, I came to this fatall Countrie, the band of my heart was, and now must be of my body: where first carried with curiosity, the feuer of youth, I went to the Arcadian Pastoralls for my recreation; but found the ruine of my rest. There, blinded with beholding, & tormented with delight, my earnest eies surfeited on the excellencies of the patterne of perfection, the quintessence of worth, euen the most diuinely diuine *Philoclea*. Ah too aduenturous eyes! Neither could this content them, but they would needs offer vp her picture on the altar of my heart; where, by my thoughts, their choice might be allowed, yea and idolatrously aduanced. For they, scorning the simple rudenesse of the eyes, easily defrauded of their too forwardly affected object; would securely entreaure it in a more precious Place; sinking it in the soule for euer. For a time, suffered as a stranger, and a Shepheard; knowne, (as you know) by the name of *Philisides*, a-

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mongst the rest I had the meanes to poure forth my plaints before her; but neuer to her, and (though ore-thrown not rendred) I had concluded neuer to haue throwne the Dice betwixt hope and despaire, so betraying my estate to the tyrannie of anothers will. No, I was resolu'd she should neuer know her power in me, till I had known her mind of me: so that if she would not raise me, she should not haue meanes to insult ouer me. Thus if I had not procured pittie, I should not haue expos'd my selfe to disdain.

In the haughtinesse of my heart (thinking nothing impossible) I durst promise my selfe, that (my deedes hauing purchased reputation) with words, worthy of respect, I might venter the proceesse of my affection. In the meane time I ioyned ioyfully with you in this late warre now ended: though professing a generall desire of glory, yet for a particular end; and happie end, since I end for her. But since, whilest I liued, I had not the meanes (as I wished) to content her, I craue not, by the knowledge of this, after death to discontent her. It shall satisfie me that I die before my hopes: and she cannot grieue for the losse of that which she neuer knew to be hers

With this, the other sliding apart to beare and burie his sorrow priuately, the blacke Knight weeping imbraced him in his armes, and told him what hee was: saying, he was glad that his vow was performed; he being a benefited witnesse, not the endangered subiect of his valour. Then contentment, budding forth in his countenance, flourished in a smile: and hauing kissed his friends, desiring to liue in their memorie, wished them as contented liues, as his was a death. He died as ioyfully as he left them sorrowfull, who had knowne him a mirrour of courage, and courtesie, of learning and armes; so that it seemed, that *Mars* had begotten him vp on one of the Muses.

Musidorus, exceedingly sorrowfull for this irreparable losse, was yet more sorrowfull when he remembred himselfe to be in danger of a greater: and recommending the direction of all below to the Knight of the Pole, he went himselfe vp to visit his Patient; whom he found, though lying, not resting, & though not sleeping yet dreaming. As soone as he heard *Musidorus*, starting as one wakened out of a slumber, he looked on his face (griued to see the impression of griefe in it, he not knowing the cause) with an inquisitiue amazement. But the other (preuenting that threatned tempest) did blow away the clouds that were gathering in his countenance; telling him, That hee had no interest in the anguish, which then did afflict him. What, said *Pirocles*, (being passionately moued) can *Musidorus* haue any thing wherein I haue no interest? I (said he) and for the present a greater wonder! my griefe may breed you ioy, I hauing lost a friend, and you a Riual. Then he began to discourse vnto him what was passed. And beside that, which was iustly deserued, pittie adorning praise, and praise augmenting pittie; a generous passion so conquered the vn-conquerable *Pirocles*, that he lameted him dead, whom he had not known; no, nor would neuer haue loued aliue, & vndoubtedly would haue wished him no better successe then he had. Yea the very thing which before might haue most discontented him, did then most content him; hauing his iudgement confirmed by the like, in one of such worth.

After that, layed down in one bed together (friendship making them free, and solitarines bold) whilst their minds began to be deliuered of all, wherewith they had along time trauelled, a maid came to the dore, sent by the two sisters, to visit *Zelmane*: who hearing two, where she expected but one, & the one by the maner of

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of his speech likely to be a man; did presently returne and reported to the Ladies, who were lying together, that wherof her cares had given her sufficient assurance. At which newes *Pamela*, burning within, sparkled forth these words to her Sitter: What wonder though strangers, euer wandring, wander from all things, chiefly those of our sex: who being borne to be bounded within houses, when they cannot be bounded within Kingdomes; how can they be bounded by modellie? Yet though I hate the deed: the respect of the doer, but more of vs whose companie she hath haunted (lest her reproch, by the commentarie of Fame, be too largely extended) bindes me to conceale her shame, that wee blush not at it. But we must either free our selues from her: or she her selfe from this slander.

Oh, but, answered the euer (and more now then euer) milde *Philoclea*. Wee must not, sister, rashly condemne them, whom we haue oftentimes consideratly approued; lest the change be in our iudgement, and not in them. No doubt, because of the indisposition of her body, it was necessary that she should haue some one to accompanie her: perchance a woman mistaken; and if a man, who knows for what end? She, who being found would acquaint her selfe with none, in this estate could not be acquainted with any.

It is an easie matter (replied *Pamela*) for one who can deceiue, to dissemble: neither is this a new acquaintance. You might haue seene her vse that Knight, who did come in with her, rather kindly then courteously: a preceding friendship ouerpassing present respects. For where a great familiaritie is, no ceremonial dutie can be obserued. Then *Philoclea* hauing found her, could hardly restrain the violence of a iust laughter. As for that which you affirme last (said she) I cannot denie it: no, I dare assure you, and assure your self I will assure nothing without assurance, that Knight is the man of the world, whom *Zelmane* most dearely loues; and yet I know, that neither would he offer, nor she suffer her honour to be wronged, as you imagine. This last wound was too deepe for *Pamela* to speak after it: so that she abandoning her heart, to throw it selfe of the rock of vnkindnesse, in danger to be drowned with her owne teares; was thus preuented by *Philoclea*. Deare sister (and if any word can expresse more dearenesse more deare then that) your vsing me not only as a sister, but as a friend in the highest degree of trust, would make me ashamed to mistrust you, or that you should be beholden to any other then to me for my secret. So might my strangenesse iustifie your vnkindnesse. Though you should discouer and condemne that, which I know you will conceale, perchance approue, and further being, by my imparting of it to you, made of the partie, ere the report of others make you a Iudge; be bold, my tongue: for though my checkes blush, yet they couer you. Be not ashamed, nay, euen glorie, to tell that *Zelmane* is the Prince *Pirocles*; he whom you haue heard so oft (yet euer to his honour) named; and, to designe him vnto you more particularly, the friend of *Musidorus*, ouer whom with him you are icalous: they lying in one bedde with no lesse loue, then I told you. Why hee goes disguised with others, and why I am plaine with you, I need not tell: you may imagine. One God hath metamorphosed both, the one in a Shepheard, the other in a Woman: and we onely can restore them to themselves, and themselves to the world; that they may grace it with the glorie of their actions as they were wont to doe.

Then *Philoclea*, exchanging estates with her sister (words arrested by thoughts)

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she became sad, and the other ioyfull: who thinking her selfe well reuenged of the passed scorne, and hauing a sufficient pledge of her sisters secrecie, began to complaine of their fathers strict vsing of them, by surmizings of his owne mind- ing to marre their fortunes: so that where he should reioyce at such an occasion (if comming to the knowledge thereof) he would not faile to disappoint it, per- chance with the ruine of the Princes: which would not only proue a particular losse for them, but (which she lamented more) a generall losse for all the world; depriuing it of those patterns of vertue, who in al their actions did but paint out the height of perfection, and encourage others to follow their foot-steps in the way of worth. Therefore it behoued them to regard themselues, and seriously to consider a matter of so great importance. Then both beginning to muse; night did cast the Nets of sleep ouer their eies, yet could not hinder their earnest thoughts from prosecuting the course of their owne fancies: for what they were thinking when waking, they still dreamed when sleeping.

But ere the Morning-starre began to retire (as giuing place to a greater light, whose comming, it, as a fore-runner, had only warned the world to attend) both awaked complaining of the nights length: and hauing with passionate discourses worne away darkenesse (as wearie of them) they arose and hastily apparelled themselues, though not in a curious, yet in a comely manner. Then with a pre- tended charitie they would needes goe visite the diseased patient; being them- selues impatient. A little before their comming, *Musidorus* being gone to giue order for the burial of *Philisides*, and (at the earnest desire of *Pirocles*) of *Annaxius*, whose valour now had the full praise, from which his owne presumption had derogated much whilest he lived: as they approched to his Chamber-doore, they heard *Pirocles* preparing his voice for the conuoy of a song, which they re- solved not to interrupt; attending the letter which followed,

*More dangerous darts, then Death, Loue throwes I spie,
Who by experience now know both their wounds:
Death pierc'd me all, yet could not make me die:
Loue with a thought me in effect confounds.
The power of Death, Art sometime may restraine,
Where Loue (I finde) can neuer Physicke finde:
Death onely plagues the bodie but with paine,
Where Loue with pleasure doth torment the minde:
Death still to all alike none free doth leaue,
Where partiall Loue shafts but at some doth send:
Death with more mercie kills, than Loue doth saue;
Deaths end breeds rest, Loue neuer rests to end.
Death doth enlarge, where Loue imprisons still:
Death, forc'd by fates; Loue, willingly doth kill.*

As soone as this song was ended, *Pamela* opened the doore, saluting him still (so to disguise her knowledge) by the name of *Zelmae*; and asked in what e- state she was with her selfe: who returned this answer: How can I smart, hauing such Angels to giue mee comfort? or how can I feele paine in their presence, whose faces are Heauens of pleasure? Since (said *Pamela*) being only infortunate
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by falling in our company, the hazard of your life hath procured our libertie, so that accidentally (though farre from our intention) we haue been the causes of all your trouble : how can wee thinke of your paine but as of our owne ? or haue any delight, whilest you rest greeued ? Wonders of worth (saide *Zelmane*) I shall euer, whilest I liue, reckon for my highest happinesse my being honoured by your company : and as for my trauels in this, they are by the successe abundantly rewarded ; since I could aspire to no higher good, than I haue compassed, hauing purchased you any contentment.

Whilest that passionate *Zelmane*, with an animated seruencie, did incorporate her hand with *Philocleas*, whose speaking lookes, how euer sometime out of modestie obliquely mouing, had a continual reuolution about his face : the blacke Knights comming in, drew *Pamela's* spirits from her thoughts to her cies. A Gentleman followed him, directed from *Basilus* : who, after his dutie done to the Ladies, hauing shewn them that their Father and Mother were in good health (inquired by their inquiring attendance) told how the first, whom prodigall fame had breathed forth with newes, (hasted by himselfe, as who carried an acceptable message in hope of benefit or thanks) certified the King how the Castle was won, and his daughters deliuered by the black Knight, who before had put a period to the victories of *Amphialus*. At this, *Pamela* looking on *Musidorus*, blushed : and he (though by no gesture betraying his Ioy) reioiced, not because hee heard himselfe praised, but because she heard him praised ; and that *Annaxius* in a single combat was killed by *Zelmane* : she not long ouerliuing the victorie.

The King hearing this, who of his gracious nature would rather saue one friend then destroy all his enemies, as if the deliuerie of his daughters had been a matter of small moment, and a gaine too light to counterpoise so great a losse ; did abandon his soule to the tyranny of sorrow, euen more then maiestie in a Prince, or vertue in affliction, in the ballances of reason, would haue allowed of such weight. At this, *Zelmanes* smile was accompanied with *Philocleas*. But when hee spake of *Ginecias* griefes ouergrowing the other, they grew pale : being afraid of the Fountaine from whence her teares did flow, lest it should drowne them.

But whilest *Ginecia* (the Messenger insisted) as runne mad with anguish, inclosed in a Chamber, would suffer none to come vnto her : all wondred, that her children being safe ; a Strangers death, or her Husbands grieve, could weaken the known strength of her minde so much. The next Messenger came, being the latter, and thereby the better informed, who sugered the first newes with the assurance of *Zelmanes* safetie. Then the Queene comming forth as after a great tempest, the Sky of her countenance cleared, looking brighter then before. The King would haue come himselfe here in person : but he was perswaded to send *Philanax* with a number of chosen men to receiue the Castle, & the Ladies. Ertsoones being curious to know who cured *Zelmane*, whē it was told him that the Knight who won the Castle would trust none with that saue himselfe : he was sorrie that one of his worth should be put to such trouble ; and would needs haue an ordinary Surgeon sought out to vndertake the charge. In the mean time, the Queen came & brought out of a box a soueraigne balme, which she hath sent by me to be applied to your wounds (saide *Zelmane*) not doubting but they will quickly become sound if her direction be obserued : which is onely, That you rest and keepe your selfe quiet from company now, and by the way ; til she her selfe may vse other remedies. And for this effect she entreats you (Miracles of Nature) her daughters

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daughters to forbear her companie during this time: that your example (whose authoritie abused might embolden the indiscretion of inferiours) may be a Law for others: and she assured me, that she would by a secret spie learne how since were obeyed in this. Such a care hath she of this sweet Ladies health.

By the end of this commission well did *Zelmane* and *Philoclea* know, at whom in particular those general Iniunctions did only aime. This enioyned abstinence did giue *Zelmane* a surfet in sorrow: who had rather haue continued still infirme, then to haue recouered by so cruell a Physicke. And yet her miserie was multiplied when she remembred the cause: whereof this (in respect of that which she did expect) was a slender issue, and but a little furie, sent to afflict her out of that hell of *Gineceas* brest; into whose companie she was shortly to enter. Now the black Knight, purposing to depart before *Philanax* arriued, brought his companion the knight of the Pole (as a partner of his victory) to kisse the Ladies hands: extenuating his owne part, and preferring his. Those who haue true worth in themselves, can neuer enuie it in another. Thereafter aduising him priuately to haue their little companie in readinesse, he went with an vncounterfeited reuerence, humbling himselfe before the Idoll of his soule to know her will: telling her that what he had done, being onely done for her, he would attend thanks from no other: neither would he be knowne till he might be knowne for hers: and she (her countenance rather lightning courtesie then affection) desired him to returne to his old Master, and he should bee restored to the estate which by his fault hee had before iustly forfeited; wishing that he should carrie himselfe more moderatly thereafter, if he would not incurre her indignation, and raze all regard of him out of her memorie.

Then *Musidorus* (as contented as one who had beene brought from Hell to Heauen) with many vehement attestations to win trust with her, and imprecations against himselfe in case of periurie; wished, if euer his minde were so vnhappie, as to be surpris'd by any purpose tending in the least degree to grieue her, That he might neuer liue till it tooke effect, but die ere it were discovered. And (like a warie gamester, who hauing once aduantage, is loth to aduenter againe) willing to seale vp his eares with the acceptable sounds which they had receiued, he tooke leaue: leauing his heart with her, and taking hers with him. Then went he towards *Piracles* (the ioy of his heart shining thorow his face) and acquainted him with his vnwilling absenting himselfe: referring all further conference till their meeting at the Arbour. And hauing in a complementall manner craued, but not desired, imployment from *Philoclea* in any service: after the funerals were performed, he marched with his Troupe away; the most part thinking that he went to meet *Philanax*: whilest *Pamela* from a window followed with her eies, till clouds of dust did burie their obiekt in the Aire.

Soone after their departure from the Castle, about this time, *Philanax* arriued: who immediatly after he had receiued the Castle in the Kings name, sought for the Knight; whose gift (though not giuen by him) he esteemed it to be. For hee being generously iudicious, thought it fitter that Princes should defray obligations by rewards (euery man being inferior to him to whom he stands indebted) then to be behind with any by being beholding; and hearing that he was gone by publike enquirie for him, and praises of him, he witnessed to the world how highly his valour was valued. After he had saluted the Princesses, he visited *Zelmane*; and told her how carefull his master was to haue those wounds cured, which

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which in his seruice had beene procured, that thereafter hee might otherwise expresse his gratefulnesse. But *Zelmane* affirmed, That though that blood which was shed, had beene followed by all the rest of her body: with the Kings former courtesies towards her, the deseruing by the recompence was both preceded and exceeded. Then *Philanax* (loth to strue with deeds in words) desired her; if her health might serue, to provide for her remouing with the rest to morrow: other wise, that should be done for her, which shee her selfe would direct.

Immediately after his departure *Zelmane* rose: & hauing apparell'd her selfe, began to walke, not so much to trie how shee might comport with the intended iourney, as that shee might pretend any meanes which might afford her the satisfaction of *Philocleas* presence; where (violently carried by her thoughts) she came soone, but not so soone as she wished, and was wished: where (*Pamela* apart entertayning her thoughts) shee thus entred with *Philoclea*. Deare loue, Oh in what an Ocean of troubles doth our estate continually fote! yet hath neuer so much as attayned the sight of any secure Port. I see that this freedome will but bring vs to a greater bondage: we are led from captiuitie, onely to become captiues. For, where before those senselesse walls were thought sufficient to guard vs, wee shall bee watched now, by one more icalous then *Iuno*, with more eyes then euer *Argus* had. I would willingly conueigh you where I might enioy you, and you a Kingdome: but this, my infirmitie first hindred; and the comming of *Philanax* hath altogether preuented. In the meane time, till for performing of that, a longed-for occasion come, I must arme my selfe against your Fathers folly, and your Mothers furie. The one might easily be deluded; but the other cannot be resisted, but by a shew of yeelding, which I must cunningly counterfeit: and therefore trust no externall shew; for who euer haue my countenance, you haue my heart. *Philocleas* words were, that shee cared not where she went, so it were with him, nor what she did, so it were warranted by his direction, as bent rather to burne her brest, then to let it lodge any thought which durst but doubt of the sufficiencie of his intentions; since, what euer circle they made, hauing alwayes for their center the excellency of his owne worth. So parting, as if they had beene to goe to liue in sundrie Kingdomes, though going to liue in one companie, Night inuited them to repose.

The next morning, being saluted by the Trumpets sounds, and all readie to remoue, they were quickly transported ouer the Lake; and as quickly (when landed) mounted by the proudient care of *Philanax*, to finish their iourney. But ere they came two or three miles off the Lodges, *Basilius* met them: who embraced his Daughters; not that he would goe first to them, but that hee would bee last with *Zelmane*, whom hee had kissed with his eyes, ere his lips were drawne from his Daughters. And as soone as he had shewen as much affection, encountering her, as his state before so many would permit: hee said, that notwithstanding her countenance was the treasure in the World, whereof hee was most couetous, yet it grieued him that another should bee so happy as to haue procured her libertie, rather then himselfe; and that it was his purpose, as a priuate aduenturer, to haue manifested his affection, fighting as a Knight, not as a King, for her deliuerie.

Zelmane replying, That it had been against all reason, that so great a Prince, on whom

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whom the liues of so many did depend, should haue beene hazarded for the life of one, whose fall could extend no further then her owne ruine: your ruine (said he) I wish that mine were first: for it could not but follow after. And doe not thinke that the blacke Knight, or any other durst doe more for you, then I: yet such is the miserable estate of vs kings, that we cannot proue men; but are compelled to mooue in our owne Spheare. The iournies end cutting off their discourse, *Ginecia* was waiting on their lighting: and hauing first (dutie tyrannizing ouer affection) carelessly kissed *Pamela*, disdainfully *Philoclea*, and vehemently *Zelmane*, thereafter enquiring of her wounds, shee was acquitted with thanks for her Balme which she sent; she protesting that if no other thing could helpe, she would pull out her owne heart, when *Basilus* interrupted them, comming to haue lightened his heart, by burdening his bodie with his Mistresses lighting.

Dametas came starting and leaping like a giddie Kidde to meet with *Pamela*; and as soone as shee was lighted, for the first salutation, told her how much shee was beholding to him, hauing shewne his man-hood and good will as much as the best fellow in those bounds could haue done: swearing that hee had ventured more for her, then he would doe for all the world againe, and for his owne life too; I (quoth he) and when my man *Dorus* durst not bee scene, who was thought a braue fellow. Yet he fained a businesse farre from the noise of warre, to seeke sheepe, but the truth is, to hide himselfe, whilest my deeds made all our Armie laugh for ioy: so that during all that time of trouble, which I tremble yet to thinke vpon, I neuer heard of him, till euen now hee sent mee word by a Shepheard, whom he met on the way, that hee had found the Ewes, which had strayed with great difficultie; and was driuing them at leisure, for feare they should miscarrie. But when he comes, I promise I will make his cowardize bee knowne for leauing me, when I would faine haue left my selfe for feare. O but (said *Pamela*) you must not be offended. Suppose euery man bee not so stout as you are; though he be an euill souldier, hee may be a good Sepheard: and I hope you keepe him that he may keepe sheepe; not that he may kill men. Now in good faith (said he) I see you are not changed: for you were euerwise, and so doe you continue still. I may well chide the fellow, but I will not beate him.

Then all entering the lodge with *Basilus*, though the supper was readie, *Ginecia* would dresse *Zelmaes* wounds first, and *Basilus* would see them dressed; so by his despised importunatenesse restraining the torrent of *Ginecias* passions, which would but burst forth more furiously thereafter. This freeing *Zelmaes* cares at that time, was but such a reliefe to her, as they find who expell poyson by counterpoison; being as wearie of him, as afraid of the other.

Then sitting downe to the supper, more curious of a surfeit to their eyes, then for sustenance to the rest of their body: the eyes of *Basilus* were euer feeding on the face of *Zelmane* with a fearefull earnestnesse, saue sometime when they were constrained to retire by the violence of his wiues looks: thinking that they with a ieaious anger had vpbraided his errour, which she (otherwise busied) had neuer so much as obserued. The one of her eyes was settled like a fixed starre on *Zelmane*: the other, like a wandring Comet threatning confusion where it shined, staired betwixt *Zelmane*, and her daughter *Philoclea*; watching and chastising with a looke her stolne looks. *Zelmaes* languishing lights made the Table enuied, whilest her delected looks did onely blesse it; as scorning to looke

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looke on any, since she might not looke where she liked. *Philocles*, chained by thoughts to *Zelmane*, did imitate her being pensive, because shee was pensive: yet like a cunning Painter, who, hauing fully fed his eyes with the affected object, turnes backe within himselfe, that his imagination may engraue it the more exactly within his memory, she would sometimes with a thecuisly aduentrous looke spie *Zelmanes* gesture, that she might the better counterfeit it in her countenance. As for *Pamela*, she kept her accustomed Maiestie, being absent where she was, and present where she was not. Then, the Supper being ended, after some ambiguous speeches, which might (for feare of being mistaken) be taken in two senses, or else were altogether estranged from the speakers minde; speaking as in a dreame, not what they thought, but what they would bee thought to think: euery one retired to the Lodge where they had vsed before to lie; *Basilus* hauing first inuited them, the next morning to see a Pastorall represented by the ordinarie Shepheards, to congratulate their prosperous returne.

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